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cefditoren pivoxyl (crystalline and amorphous compounds), pharmaceutical composition, and use fro treating infections

2. claims: 6-35

processes for preparing crystalline or amorphous cefditoren pivoxil using an organic solvent

3. claims: 36-43

process for preparing amorphous cefditoren pivoxil using an acid

4. claim: 44

process for preparing cefditoren pivoxil starting from a mixture of crystalline and amorphous cefditoren pivoxil

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